

Hamlet Close Reading



Act 3 Scene 1
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Hamlet

- I am annotating Hamlet from the play. Hamlet was written by a famous writer by the name William Shakespeare back in the day. I will be doing the part from Act 3 Scene 1, lines 131 to 141. He is speaking to Ophelia.



Go thee (to) a nunnery. Why wouldst thou be a breeder of sinners? I am myself indifferent honest, but yet I could accuse me of such things that it were better my mother had not borne me: I am very proud, revengeful, ambitious, with more offenses at my beck than I have thoughts to put them in imagination to give them shape, or time to act them in. What should such fellows as I do crawling between earth and heave.n? We are arrant knaves (all;) believe none of us. Go thy ways to a nunnery. Where's your father?

Go thee (to) a nunnery.
Why wouldst thou be
a breeder of sinners?

He is saying go to
a convent, why
give birth to more
sinners?

Lines (131-132)

I am myself
indifferent honest...

Indifferent- having
no particular interest
or sympathy towards
someone or
something.
(Lines 132-133)

but yet I could accuse me
of such things that it
were better my mother
had not borne me:

I could
accuse
myself of
such
crimes,
better if my
mother had
not given
been to me

Lines
(133-134)

Reasonably
virtuous.

I am
very proud, revengeful,
ambitious, with more of-
fenses at my beck...

He has too many
emotions that he
is dealing with at
the same time,
breaking point.
Lines (134-136)

than I have thoughts to put
them
in imagination to give them
shape, or time to act
them in.

He means for
his thoughts to
go in and out.
Lines (136-138)

What should such fellows as I do crawling
between earth and heaven? We are arrant
knaves
(all;) believe none of us.

He is thinking to himself why
people like him are between
heaven and earth.
Lines (138-139)

We are arrant knaves
(all;) believe none of us. Go
thy ways to a nunnery.
Where's your father?

He is saying that
everyone is a
criminal,
everything we say
is false. Where is
your father?
Lines (139-141)